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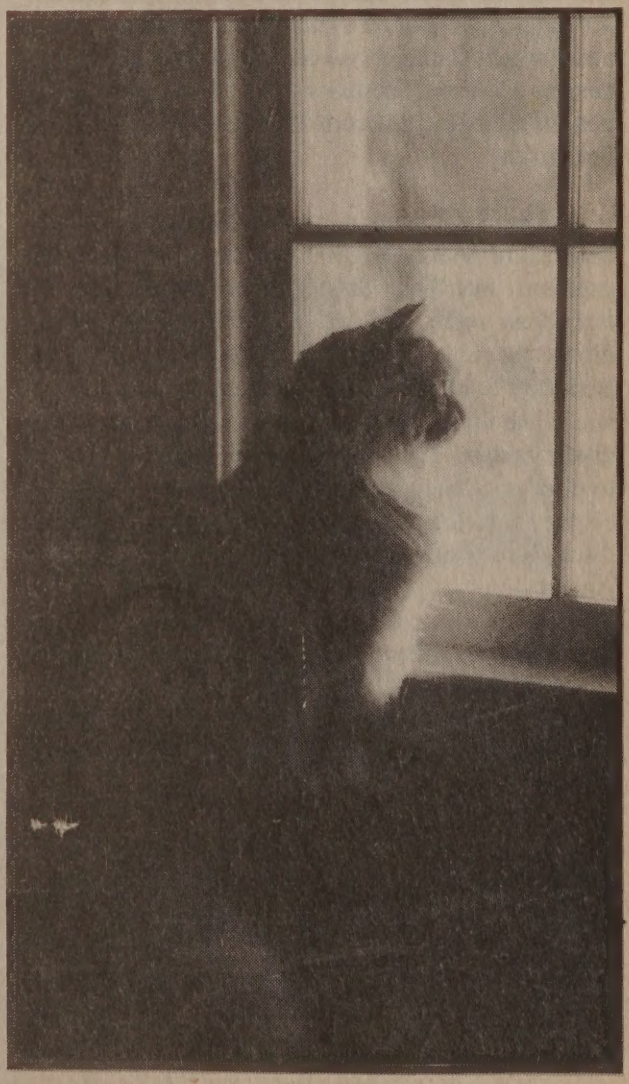
TOWN NEWS

Arnold Hayes, Monterey's Veterans Agent, and two members of VFW Post #11054 of Otis recently met with the Selectmen to discuss starting a post for seven towns in the area. The towns are Monterey, Otis, Becket, Tyringham, Sandisfield, Washington and Chester. Arthur Pfeifer, Commander of the Otis Post, and L.P. Murray, Sr. reported that Becket has offered the use of a building that formerly served as a town hall to house the new post. The other six towns will be asked to contribute funds to cover the costs of heat, utilities, insurance and moving a furnace. Mr. Pfeifer described some of the educational programs the post will develop for use in area schools or by youth groups. The programs will deal with such topics as child safety and drug education. Selectman Georgiana O'Connell suggested consulting with Evelyn Vallianos, Monterey's school committee representative, about anti-drug programs. She will also ask local scout groups and social service groups in Monterey if they would be interested in the anti-drug programs. Selectman Matt Williams suggested including an article on the warrant for town meeting requesting funds for the post. At Selectman Bill Bohn's suggestion, the Board will write to the six other towns included in the plan to express Monterey's interest in supporting the post and its positive reaction to its intended programs.

The Selectmen met with Mike Banner of the Board of Assessors, Wayne Burkhart of the Planning Board, and Cynthia Weber to discuss the enhanced 911 house-numbering project and the coordination of the updating of the town's maps. Mr. Banner reported that Kelly, Granger & Parsons seems to offer the most reasonable prices for updating the maps. The Board of Assessors has budgeted $300 for the project, but it will cost approximately $900 to bring all the maps up to date. Mr. Burkhart said that the Planning Board needs a set of maps, and Cynthia Weber will need the cover map plus a few individual maps for her work on the house-numbering project.

It was proposed that a special article be included on the town meeting warrant to fund the map updating. The Board of Assessors will reduce their budget request by $300 because of this proposal. Mr. Burkhart will look into the purchase of a metal cabinet for storing the



maps. The cost is expected to be $500-$600. Mr. Banner will request a price from Kelly, Granger & Parsons for preparing, reproducing and reducing 17 maps. The Selectmen have proposed a budget of $1,750 for the total project.

The Cemetery Committee has advised the Selectmen that Linda Thorpe has been named Chairman of the Cemetery Committee, effective January 18, 1992.

The Selectmen reported on the Computer Committee's review of Arlington Data's bid on the town's computer system. Attending the meeting were Selectmen Matt Williams and Georgiana O'Connell, Town Accountant Barbara Gauthier, Town Treasurer Maryellen Brown, and Computer Committee members Stephen Bohn (chairman), Barbara Swann and Greta Cherneff. Roy Ron and Lisa Bower made the presentation for Arlington Data. Mr. Ron reviewed the accounting and payroll system for Maryellen Brown and Barbara Gauthier and answered their questions. He also addressed questions about adding graphics to permits issued by the Board of Health and the Board of Selectmen.

The Selectmen met with Wayne Burkhart, chairman of the Solid Waste Committee. The Selectmen expressed interest in the collection and removal of hazardous waste, and Mr. Burkhart said he would discuss the subject at the next meeting of the Southern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District. There was some discussion about Monterey's share of the district budget. The Solid Waste Committee will meet to discuss its budget request for fiscal 1993 and will consult with the Selectmen. There was also some discussion about raising the fee for use of the Disposal Area.

In other business, Wayne Burkhart, as chairman of the Planning Board, reported to the Selectmen that Arthur and Alice Somers are no longer seeking a bylaw revision that would allow celebratory events to be held at Rock Ridge.

In a positive development for the Monterey Water Company, the state Department of Environmental Protection and the federal Environmental Protection Agency have agreed to exempt Massachusetts ground water supplies from expensive filtration requirements necessary for surface water. The ruling means that the Monterey Water Company will not be asked to build a $750,000 filtration system.

The following Board of Selectmen permits were issued: General Business Permit (renewal) to Thomas E. Andrus for the operation of A & A Used Cars on Route 23; General Business Permit (renewal) to Thomas M. Andrus for the operation of Precision Autocraft on Route 23; General Business Permit (new business) to Thomas M. Andrus for the operation of Precision Autocraft East on Route 23.

The following Board of Health permits were issued: Installer's permit to Donald Peck of Great Barrington; Cabin/Motel Permit (renewal) to Matt O. Williams for LeeSide Lodge on Route 57.

— Maggie Leonard

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CHURCH NEWS

Two exciting new programs debut this month in our church. With our new emphasis in creation-centered spirituality, we are initiating WELLSPRING: The Center for Creation Studies. WELLSPRING's primary purpose is to provide the Berkshire community a fresh incentive for creativity and learning. It's our affirmation that "Creation" is an omnipresent reality in the world and in the self, and that it serves as an infinite resource for positive inspirations, health and expression.

WELLSPRING begins its program with a series of innovative workshops on five consecutive Saturdays, starting March 7 (9:30-4:00) at the church. Participants will engage in the intimate discovery of their own creative selves by exploring their talents to imagine, to visualize, to give voice to, to symbolize and to enact, and thus to align themselves with the 19 billion years of spontaneous, self-generating, sustaining creation.

Workshops include:

The Way of Inner Vision (3/7): an exploration in exercising our visualizing capacities using meditation and guided imagery.

Jaguar Antics/Orphic Voices (3/14): through sound/movement exercises and improvisation, we will invoke the sacred within.

T'ai Chi: Abode of the Mysterious Origination (3/21): through a liturgy of contemplative action, we will explore Taoist cosmology.

Creation Spirituality: Embracing Our Original Blessing (3/28): a creative look at the four pathways of Creation Spirituality.

The Mystique of Archeology (4/4): an archeological "dig" to excavate real pre-historic artifacts that will unearth treasures of our own imagination.

Our courses will be led by artist/writer Michael Sellon, playwright/director Nicki Wilson and musician/theologian Cliff Aerie. To encourage participation in this series, WELLSPRING offers a self-determined sliding scale workshop fee of $20-$35 in accordance with people's resources. Scholarships are also available. For further information and registration, just call the church office at 528-5850.

Our second big event is the beginning of an artist-in-residence program. To kick off this emphasis, we will hold a Vernal Equinox Celebration to welcome the rebirthing of Spring, on Friday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. Our artists for 1992 will be writer MaryKate Jordan, artist Michael Sellon, and the world music jazz ensemble Critical Theory. Our artists will lead us through a creative evening of performance and participation. Over the course of this year, these artists will be working with our congregation in Sunday morning worship, performing at cultural gatherings, leading workshops, and enabling interested folks in creative opportunities for self-discovery. The Equinox Celebration is free and open to all. A free will offering will be taken to help offset costs.

So, as you can see, 1992 promises to be a very exciting year. The church is alive with the spirit of creativity. We are the children of God. Come celebrate with us!

— Cliff Aerie

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MONTEREY NEWS MAILING UPDATE

More than a year ago, we began to investigate the possibility of applying for a second class mailing permit for the *Monterey News*. We had hoped to alleviate some of the problems associated with third class mailing. We learned that applying for a second class permit would be expensive (close to $300), that the requirements would be difficult to meet, that our application might be denied even if we met all the requirements, and finally, that our application fee would not be refunded if we were not successful. In light of these discouraging facts, the Board of Directors decided not to try for the second class permit at this time.

We have been working diligently over the past six months to update our mailing list. An accurate mailing list will enable us to get the best service available from the third class system. To keep our mailing list current, we must have the cooperation of all 1200 people who receive the *Monterey News* by mail. Please let us know if there is *even a tiny mistake* in your mailing label. Sometimes a small error will result in third class mail being returned to the sender. (Sometimes it may reach you with an incorrect address, but you cannot count on it.) If you have different addresses at different times of the year, please tell us exactly when you will be moving from one to the other. Your third class mail will be returned to the sender, marked *temporarily away* if, for example, it is sent to your Monterey address when you have left town for the winter. Please let us know, too, if you will be away for several months. If you don't want the *Monterey News* during that time, we won't send it (and we'll save not only the cost of mailing the paper in the first place, but the much greater cost of having it returned to us). If you *would* like to receive the paper at your temporary address, we will be happy to send it to you, but you must let us know. The post office *will not* forward third class mail. Finally, please tell us if you no longer wish to receive the *Monterey News*. We'll remove your name from our list, thereby doing our part to reduce the clutter in your mailbox.

If you continue to be troubled by erratic, or unacceptably late delivery of the *Monterey News*, even after you have followed the suggestions above, you may wish to consider requesting first class delivery. We would like to be able to offer first class delivery to all our readers outside Monterey, but the cost is prohibitive. If you would like first class delivery, please contact our Circulation Manager.

OUR TOWN

Do Your Budget; It's Good for You

I guess it is our parents who are supposed to impress upon us the reasons to eat cooked carrots and to do all of the other hard, drab things we would rather not. Watching the incredible feats of young Olympic figure skaters last month, I was reminded of the long, grueling hours of practice it takes for anyone to get so good at any one thing.

To the extent that we choose a certain occupation or hobby, we tend to do the kinds of things which call for a discipline and practice which we tend to enjoy. We can spend long hours at something hard if the result finally feels or looks good to ourselves or others.

A budget can be a sort of "eat your carrots" matter for your home finances or your small private business. If you are careful and have some intuitive knowledge about where you stand, you may get by with a chips and candy bars approach. You don't really have to do that distasteful budget stuff. But for our town, we need a budget, and somebody has to spend a lot of time working on it. Let's look at why and who, then just a bit at where the money comes from and where it goes.

Why the Town Budget

First, our town is quite a large business, spending well over a million dollars each year. Second, we have a democratic structure, with dozens of people involved in the process — reason enough to write it all down. Third, the state government requires it. (And you thought we had home rule!)

The Three Budgeteers

Nick Wool chairs the Monterey Finance Committee. He and his fellow committee members, Sheldon Fenn and Greta Cherneff, are busy people these days. Auditor/accountant Barbara Gauthier and Treasurer Maryellen brown are closely involved because of the nature of their jobs. The "buck" always stops with the Selectmen. They work with the Finance Committee and all town boards to come up with the recommendations which will be brought to the annual town meeting on Saturday, May 2. This will be the 1993 budget, and it starts in July, 1992, and runs through June, 1993.

Where the Money Comes From

We get most of our town money from the real estate taxes you pay in November and May if you own property, or indirectly through your rent payments. This amount in 1991 (the latest year for which we have complete figures) was 80% of town revenue, or about $900,000. Smaller amounts come from the state ($67,000 for school and road aid), our motor vehicle and personal property taxes ($80,000), charges for various town services, including solid waste disposal ($43,000), county court fines ($16,000), interest earned on town money, which includes $161,000 kept as a stabilization fund for emergencies ($14,000), and payments made by otherwise tax-exempt organizations ($11,000). Notice that $67,000 received from the state. It's down from some $300,000 in 1989, and it will likely be even lower for fiscal 1993. The town will, however, be getting a significant amount of highway funds of federal origin during the current (1992) fiscal year. This money seems to cover appropriations for both 1991 and 1992 fiscal years. You don't always know when the state and federal money will be coming.

Where the Money Goes

The largest expense in the town budget is for education. In 1991, this was $450,000, or 40% of the budget. Public works is next; $308,000 for roads (by far the largest part of the total), solid waste, cemeteries, etc. The other two areas of more than $100,000 are general government ($113,000, including several full- and part-time salaries and the town hall maintenance) and miscellaneous ($100,000, which is half insurance costs and half employee health and retirement expenses).

There you have it. As the late U.S. Senator Everett Dirksen once said about the federal budget, "A billion dollars here and a billion dollars there — pretty soon it adds up to real money!"

Our town is fortunate to have a strong ratio of property valuation to services demanded. But we are also fortunate to have the dedicated service of many competent employees and volunteer citizens who manage well. I think that we will find, when we digest the proposed 1993 budget in May, that it will help our town thrive, just like a healthy kid eating her carrots.

— Wayne Burkhart

Many thanks to the work crew at Gould Farm for donating their time to help me cut down and clean up a 48-inch pine tree on Curtiss Road. This very large pine was one of our biggest roadside evergreens. It was struck by lightning a couple of years ago and died.

Roger Tryon, Tree Warden

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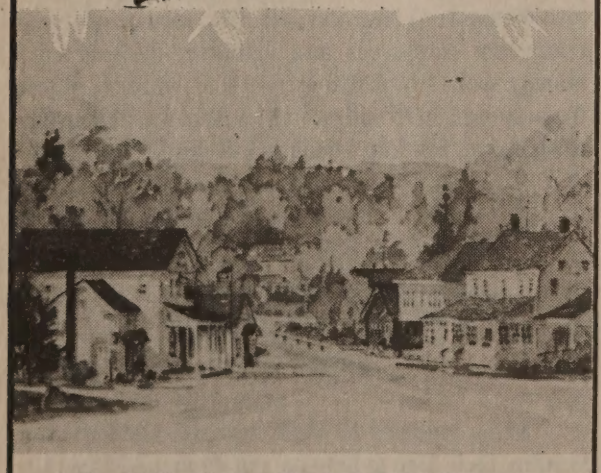

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CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM

It was a pleasure to see so many happy faces at our Valentine's party. We are planning a Celebrate Spring party on March 24, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at St. James Church in Great Barrington. Thinking ahead, we hope to have an Easter Egg Hunt in April, Family Fun Day in May and a trip to Forest Park in Springfield in June. Anyone interested in helping to plan for any of these activities can call Claudette Callahan at 528-9311 or Wendy Jensen at 528-4007.

Please support the Citizen's Against Child Abuse benefit musical production, *Back in the Doo Wah Days,* March 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Monument Mountain Regional High School. Tickets cost $5 and are available at CHP.

The Egremont playgroup meets on Tuesday mornings, 9:30-11:30 at the town hall on Route 71. More children and parents attending regularly would make the playgroup more fun for everyone. Please call playgroup leader Melissa Heath at 274-6621 for more information.

We are planning CPR recertification classes and regular CPR classes for April. Specific details will be announced at a later date. If you're interested, give Claudette a call.

Local gardeners are invited to sell their extra produce at the Great Barrington Farmers Market this summer. For more information, call Peter Jensen at 528-4007.

During these times of economic stress and inclement weather, tempers are apt to flare, and children may suffer. Even a parent who doesn't believe in corporal punishment may slap a child in frustration. CHP has materials to help parents find alternatives to spanking their children. For more information, call Claudette at 528-9311. Parents Anonymous is a national self-help organization for parents who have difficulty handling their children. For more information, call 1-800-882-1250, or the local group facilitator, Jim Monsonis at 528-4863.

— Claudette Callahan

THE WHYS AND WHEREFORES OF THE PAPER RECYCLING PROGRAM

Some of you may have received letters from the Selectmen noting that your recycling methods need improvement. The offenders were discovered through the efforts of Bob Gatten, our watchful and diligent transfer station supervisor, who has had to remove contaminants from the paper container. Bob has borne his frustration with uncommon patience. But in addition to making Bob's task much more difficult than it should be, recycling offenders can cause real trouble for the town. Unless we improve our recycling efforts, MRF will be forced to return our loads.

It is easy to blame those in charge of local recycling programs (MRF, transfer station supervisors, solid waste committees) for the hassles involved in recycling, and we're the first to admit that there *are* hassles. But let's place the blame where it really belongs. For years, a recycling bill which would gradually phase out non-recyclable packaging, has been introduced at each new session of the state legislature. The powerful packaging industry lobby has so far been successful in preventing passage of any meaningful recycling legislation. Let's hope that something comes of this year's effort. A good law would save money, manpower and endless confusion in homes and at transfer stations, not to mention the boon it would be to the environment.

For the time being, perhaps we can ease the burden on Bob Gatten and you, the users of our transfer station, with a list of those paper items that are unacceptable for recycling and the reasons why they are not.

Envelopes: You may remember that when paper recycling started, we were told that we could recycle envelopes if we removed plastic windows. Unfortunately, too many people were careless, and quite a bit of plastic slipped through, contaminating the mix and creating a risk of damaging the equipment. The system cannot afford the manpower to separate materials, and so, all envelopes (including those marked *entire envelope recyclable*) are banned from the recycling mix.

Plain cardboard (shirt inserts, cereal boxes, etc.): Low grade product; no market.

Colored stationery and gift wrap: The paper fiber itself is dyed, and this dye (unlike newspaper ink) cannot be removed.

Fax paper and photographs: Chemicals (severe contaminants).

Telephone books: The glue used in binding is not recyclable. (The phone company reneged on a promise to change the glue. Letters to New England Telephone would be helpful.)

Egg cartons: Have already been recycled several times and turn to mush.

Junk mail inserts: Dye and marketing come-ons, such as metallic tags, plastic, etc.

Certain corrugated products: Boxes with smooth surfaces, sometimes whites, which have been waterproofed, contain contaminants. Some boxes contain food residue.

Paper coated with wax or plastic: Coatings cannot be separated from paper.

One suggestion for cutting down on the amount of paper that cannot be recycled is to use it to start fires, rather than using recyclable newspaper.

The rules *are* troublesome. Eventually, laws regulating packaging will make our job easier. But the longer it takes, the more trouble and mess we will have, and the more people may give up on recycling entirely. Let's hope that this year's Massachusetts packaging bill receives wide citizen support and makes it through the necessary fourteen steps to become law. Then, we can finally begin to recycle in a sensible way.

— Joyce Scheffey

MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange #291 met on February 19 for an enjoyable program with the theme of Lovers and Presidents. Guests from Stockbridge and West Stockbridge were present, including Deputy Peter Martin, who brought information from his recent attendance at Deputy School.

Worthy Lecturer Mary Wallace recently attended a Woman's Activities Regional meeting in Dalton.

Members are working on a display for Grange Week in April, to include the National Grange 125th Anniversary. Plans are under way for the annual public card party to raise funds for transportation for the elderly.

The State Health Project is ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). The National Health Project is Deaf Awareness.

The next meeting will be March 21. The theme of the program is St. Patrick's Day.

— Mary Wallace

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MONTEREY WILDLIFE SURVEY NEWS

Mysterious death of a young porcupine: Blood and some yellow fluid excreted between his tracks leading up to where he was found suggest he might have had internal injuries, perhaps caused by a fall from a tree? Reported by Maureen Banner, February 10.

Winter songbirds: Eleanor Kimberley reports some bluebirds wintering in Great Barrington. She also noted the first robin of the year at her home on February 10. David McAllester noted a mockingbird in a field across from Simon's Rock on February 9.

NEWS FROM THE BIDWELL HOUSE

It is already March. During the time between summer seasons, The Bidwell House has been working on exciting new programs. Among the projects in development is a program in which school students visit The Bidwell House. We expect that the Monterey kindergarten will be among the first school groups to participate. The Bidwell House has also been involved in a countywide effort to coordinate historical documents. Both these programs will afford the people of Berkshire County greater access to local historical resources.

In anticipation of another successful tourist season, The Bidwell house has been "spruced up." Before winter set in, new paint was applied to the exterior, windows were covered with a protective film to reduce sun fading of the collections, the huge old maple tree was pruned and cabled, and the security system was updated. Generous private contributions made many of these projects possible. It is activities such as these that help The Bidwell House preserve a wonderful bit of Berkshire history, right here in Monterey,

— Shirley Clute

MONTEREY LAND TRUST NEWS

So far, 69 (married couples count as two) of our trusty members have rejoined, i.e., paid their dues for 1992. Those of you who have tucked away that annoying little card and/or can't find it, please mail in your check. Last year, we had 129 members. It is urgent that you rejoin to increase our impact. When I write a letter to the Governor, or to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs to press our important causes, it is neat to say we are an organization of over 100 souls.

For the out-of-towners who may not have heard the good news, I just want you to know that the state has turned down the DeLillo application for the "$37 million mega-landfill" that was planned for Hinsdale, our neighbor in North Berkshire County. An area of 14,760 acres (which includes the proposed landfill site) has been designated as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) by the Massachusetts Secretary of Environmental Affairs. The intention of the ACEC program is to protect significant resources, and is backed up and enforced by the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act.

As many of you know, the Land Trust Alliance (LTA) is a national organization that was formed in 1982, when there were only 400 land trusts across the country. At that time, the groups operated in isolation, reinventing strategies, etc. The LTA was formed (much as was our own Berkshire County Alliance) to act as a clearing house for ideas, as well as a support group for the then fledgling movement. Now there are more than 900 land trusts, nearly 250 of which have full-time staff, with almost 800,000 members. The LTA devoted the latest issue of their magazine, *The Exchange*, to the 1991 Land Trust Rally held in Waterville Valley, New Hampshire this past September. (Two of our board members attended the Rally, incidentally, and what they learned there has been very helpful to the rest of us.) I would like to reproduce here what I think is an important comment made by Jean Hocker, the Executive Director of the LTA, in her opening statement:

We need to be aware of those who say that land conservation is only for the privileged few...to me it's the worst sort of elitism to assume that only a privileged few need natural areas, wildlife and open space.

What these people do not understand is that land trusts do not oppose development, but offer alternatives to thoughtless, unplanned development in inappropriate places. The protesters do not admit that landowners have just as much right to protect their land as to develop it; they do not see that choosing to develop "locks in" the fate of the land in a way that protecting it never will.

The land trust movement is in the best position to counter these arguments, by deeds as well as words. The beliefs that bring us together...the conviction that open places must survive and the knowing that there are other choices than thoughtless sprawl — these messages need to be spread beyond land trusts' 800,000 members to every voter and decision maker and landowner who will determine the fate of our land resources. Only then will we achieve our vision, not only for the land trust movement, but for the world we live in.

In other news, twenty-five descendants of Anna Scheffey and her sister, Hildegard Plehn, have acted to protect a 550-acre property in Monterey and New Marlboro, with two conservation restrictions. The property, described as "extraordinary" by Charles Wyman, land-protection specialist for the state Trustees of Reservations, consists of forest, fields, streams and marsh. The land will be held jointly by the Monterey Preservation Land Trust, the New Marlboro Land Preservation Land Trust and the Trustees of Reservations.

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— Joyce Scheffey

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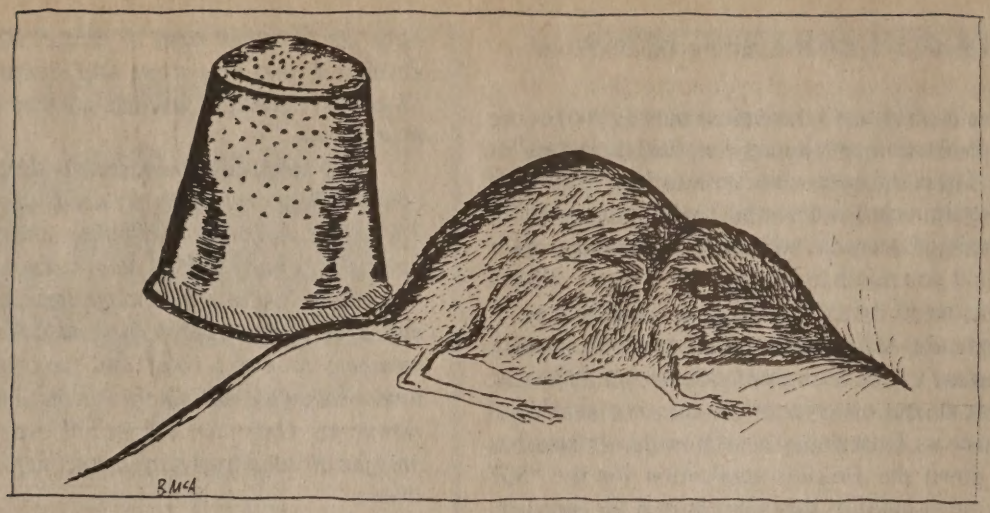

Pygmy shrew and thimble

SNOOPING INTO THE LIVES OF SHREWS

There was a time in my life when I thought I would be a Real Wildlife Biologist, spending my days lying on my belly on the tundra, watching caribou through binoculars, taking notes with frozen fingers and waterproof ink. At night, I would huddle in my field tent, by lantern, reviewing my observations of the day, organizing them into monographs which would go out at the end of the week by bush plane. The support staff back in the ivory towers would arrange my grants and publications, and the plane would bring in more ink, paper and Vienna sausages, maybe an occasional bottle of beer.

So far, it hasn't panned out exactly like this, though as they say, it's not over 'til it's over, and the tundra is still up there. Meanwhile, like a lot of other wannabes who stayed home, I do my wildlife observations whenever I can, mainly right around here. I don't get much grant support for this, but I do get a lot of help. For one thing, I have four-legged assistants bringing in specimens. They work practically without pay, and they don't mind taking the night shift, when they go out scouring the countryside for subjects for me to study. Sometimes, I'm asleep when they come in with their prizes, but they, recognizing the urgency of scientific inquiry, never hesitate to wake me with up to the minute reports. I have come to understand their language. *Miaowoooowowwwrrp?* means, "Here I am with a rare find clutched in my mouth, making speech difficult. I don't dare let it go for fear it will scamper off and you won't get a look at it. So, are you getting up?"

Last summer, the cats brought in a couple of shrews. I still have them because we scientists don't throw anything away. You never know when you will want to reexamine old assumptions or even old shrews in the light of new findings.

One of these shrews is tiny, only an inch and a half long, with a tail slightly shorter than that. It is probably a pygmy shrew, though I would have to examine its tiny teeth to be sure it is not a masked shrew. The other one is about three inches long, with a little half-inch tail. It weighs about half an ounce, which is four times as much as the little one. This bigger one is a short-tailed shrew, probably the most common mammal in these parts, though most people never see one.

The fur of my shrews gleams, even after months in the freezer. On their bellies it is silvery on the tips and dark closer down, so that when I ruffle it with my huge finger, I see the dark below. The hairs are fine; the fur is short and dense. It moves easily, without grain or nap; shrews live and travel mostly in small tunnels where they need to be able to change direction easily.

Most people seeing a shrew would mistake it for a mouse. It is built on the same general plan as a mouse and has a similar habitat. But mice are rodents, seed and vegetable eaters with chisel-like front teeth and grinders in the back. The shrew is a hunter, an eater of meat, and all its teeth are tiny and pointy. Shrews scurry along in tunnels dug by other small mammals, or in burrows they kind of "worry" out of the leaf litter in the woods. They are not diggers. They eat insects, insect larvae, worms, mice, and sometimes snakes. Shrews are so little and have such a high metabolic rate (their heartbeat is about 1,200 times a minute) that they

have to be looking for food all the time they are not sleeping. People who set out live traps for them, hoping for a chance to observe them close up, have to be sure to equip each trap with appropriate shrew food, or its captive will starve to death in a few hours.

In winter, the cats get lazy about collecting for me, so I'm glad I have a few treasures in the freezer for hands-on observation. Still, there is only so much you can learn from a stiff, so after I've ruffled their fur, looked at their teeth with a hand lens and admired their delicate toes, I put them away. Then it is time to go out into the real world of wildlife biology, where the wind howls and your ink freezes and bush planes can go down in the high peaks never to be seen again, taking your Vienna sausages with them. Here is the hard, cold vitality of winter, and the great miracle is that, whether you are on your belly in the tundra or out for a walk up the driveway in Monterey, you *could* see the tiny, 1/10 ounce meat eaters making their living at 1,200 beats per minute. I go for a walk and I almost never *do* see them, but I know they are there. I see their tracks, and I read these like an inspirational notice: *Shrews are here!* Whatever else is right or wrong with the world, shrews are carrying on just fine.

— Bonner J. McAllester

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ICE FLOOD

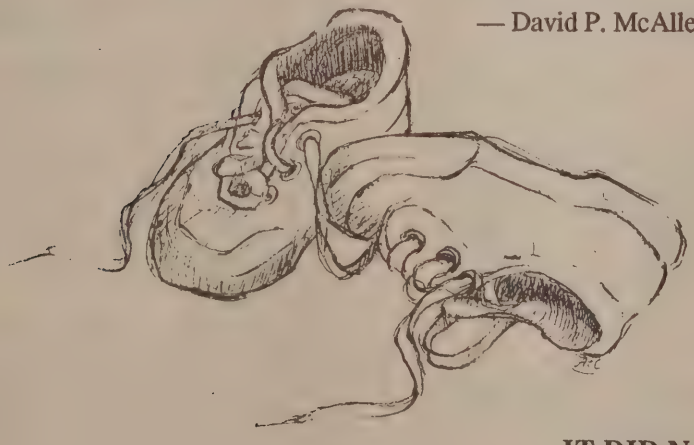
The moist places, seeps, rills, rivulets,
Have their day when the cold goes through and through.
When all else is diminishes, hidden, congealed,
They flow inexorably over their frozen selves.

While brooks, creeks and rivers still run free,
Shrunken, chuckling, under their white-iron covers,
The moist places go on just as before,
Never hurrying, never pausing, building and building.

Like candles dipped, they grow in minute increments
To sheets of contoured ice, filling their hollows,
Overflowing their banks, scoring the woods
With motionless streams where no brooks ran before.

They come from nowhere and they linger long,
The only white places when the snow is gone,
A slow, slow flood, a glaciated flow,
They show us how the mammoth ice caps grow.

— David P. McAllester



ENIGMA

My first is in willow, not in oak.
My second in fire, but not in smoke.
My third is in nonsense, and also in fun.
My next is in bread, but not in bun.
My last is in jelly, but not in jam.
Now can you tell me what I am?

Find the letters that spell the answer.

— Eleanor Kimberley

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IT DID NOT WORK

I tried to take piano
But my fingers didn't fit the keys.
I tried to take the cello
But I couldn't get at ease.
So I tried to take the pretty flute
But I always made it fall
And so now I have decided
Not to take anything at all.

— Arianna Aerie

THE PARTY CRASHERS

How strange! Among the many splendored birds
the porcelain blue-white jays
the purple and the golden finches
the red kerchiefed woodpeckers
and the mist shrouded mourning doves
and varicolored grosbeaks
and the day-night patterned
juncoes, chickadees and nuthatches
I get distracted by
the brown headed blackbirds

Multiplying exponentially
they congregate in the weeping branches
of the ancient spruce tree
Like scales peeled off a cone by a squirrel
they flutter down one by one
to the bird feeders
and the seed covered burnished grass

They keep all other birds at bay
snarling almost audibly their defiance
"mine all mine!"
til even the chickadees lose heart

An invisible threat
transforms the funereal patchwork quilt
into a boiling plume of Gulf oil smoke
that melts into the old spruce

A chickadee ventures forth
I count the heartbeats to the next invasion

— Loul McIntosh

FILLING THE ASH BIN

Everyone has gone to bed
And I sit in front of my hearth
Waiting for the fire to die.
Its heat has seduced me
Into shedding my clothes,
And I lie on the rug
Watching the dancing flame.

I awake in the dark
To the stir of cold night drafts.
My fire has gone out
And I must get to bed.

With eyes half opened,
I attend to my duty—
Cleaning out the ashes
And closing the damper.

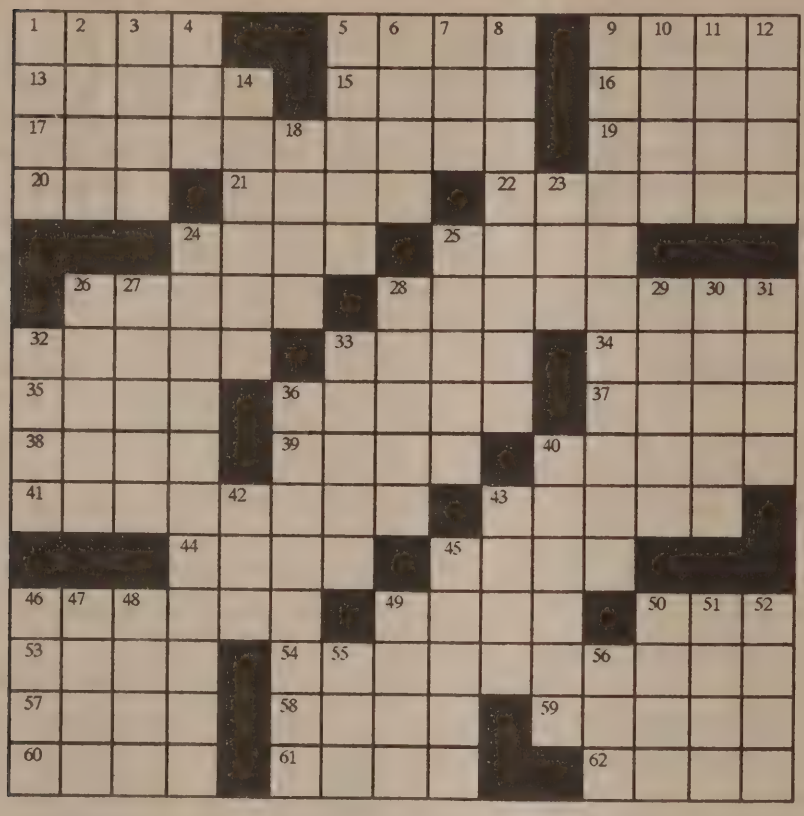
I stumble and fall
Into the pile I have made
But mindlessly I continue
And finish the job.

I can feel the ashes cling
To my uncovered flesh—
As I glance back to the hearth
And notice the faint glow
From an ember I have missed.

— Bill Meier

WINTER OLYMPICS RETROSPECT

By Ted Tchack



ACROSS

1 Spanish river
5 Angers
9 Hay unit
13 Follow
15 Study
16 TRACK SHAPE FOR 9 DOWN
17 US HOCKEY STANDOUT
19 Pleasant
20 SAISON IN ALBERT-VILLE
21 Plant
22 BOBSLED TEAM
24 FORMER NAME FOR 24 DOWN
25 Roman 103
26 Sound units
28 Objects
32 Walking ___
33 Water bird
34 Defeat
35 Village in Germany
36 Singular attempts
37 Crippled
38 "Able was I ___ saw. . ."
39 Ajar
40 Provide food
41 Saved
43 Earlier
44 Scott
45 Activist
46 Mad one
49 Festive
50 Fast plane
53 Healing plant
54 DOWNHILL EVENT
57 Hebrew scriptures
58 Overhang
59 Kind of wrap
60 Stalk
61 Nautical chains
62 Sour

DOWN

1 TO BE IN ALBERT-VILLE
2 Unruly child
3 Actress Martha
4 Black gold
5 More indisposed
6 Highway
7 Eagle
8 Parts
9 NEW AMERICAN STAR
10 Eager
11 String
12 Primary (abbr)
14 Not as great
18 Good queen
23 River isle
24 NEW NAME FOR OLD ADVERSARY
25 Sing
26 Nighttime noise
27 Propelled
28 Moved a raft
29 Treaty org.
30 Not so wild
31 Silver abbr.
32 German river
33 Ran easily
36 Literary middle name
40 Beats badly (slang)
42 Before
43 Marco
45 Valleys
46 Lids
47 A great deal
48 Rent
49 Donated
50 Woman's name
51 Cicatrix
52 Wigwam
55 Song
56 Squealer

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ORCHESTRATED WRITING: A CURE FOR LINEARITY

It is a long-standing complaint that the linear style, in time and space, of most writing systems, betrays the reality of experience. Life as we live it, enriched by imagination, memory and prediction, mixes present, past and future in dazzling intuitions and flashbacks. Ideographic writing systems can convey this, and so can Western orchestral music writing, an ancient system if our own that allows us to write several ideas (and resulting sounds) that can be read simultaneously. We *do* orchestrate non-music writing occasionally in the texts of plays, which have to be performed with more "reality" than other prose or verse readings, e.g. *Omnes:* Hurrah!, or *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern (together):* I've been betrayed!

Here is a short piece in both linear and orchestrated form, to show the possibilities of the latter. In orchestrated writing, there is a line for each character, as in a play, but written in a staff as in music, indicating that the lines are read, or performed together. Thoughts can be written in ordinary type and italics can indicate sound; spacing indicates tempo.

Meditation on Hunger Mountain Cobble (linear)

The towhee sat in a blooming shadbush, advertising his territorial ambitions with an intermittent "Drink your tea-hee-hee-hee-hee!" Near him on a high point of quartzite ledge stood an Old Timer and a Young Summer Visitor, and a panting dog lolled in the shade. "I never get over this view," thought the Old Timer. "Fifty miles of forest in every direction, and over there, beyond the Hudson, the Catskills! I hope she won't feel she has to talk." At the same time, the Young Visitor was enjoying the rhythmic panting of the dog in the vast silence surrounding them, and the counterpoint of the towhee's call.

Meditation on Hunger Mountain Cobble (orchestrated)

Towhee: *Drink your tea-hee-hee-hee-hee!*.....
Old Timer: .....towhee.....
Young Summer Visitor: .....some kind of bird.....
Dog: .....feathered thing.....
Quartzite Ledge: e.....
Shadbush: g.....

T: .....
O: .....I never.....
Y: .....
D: ...hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh.....
Q: .....
S: .....w.....g.....r.....

T: .....
O: .....never.....get over this view.....
Y: .....dog.....bird.....counterpoint.....
D: *hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh*.....
Q: .....
S: .....o.....w.....g.....

T: *Drink your tea-hee-hee-hee-hee!*.....

O: .....towhee, again.....fifty miles.....

Y: .....wonder what it is?.....

D: .....too high up.....*hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh*.....

Q: n.....

S: ....r.....o.....w.....g

T: .....

O: .....

Y: .....

D: .....*hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh*.....

Q: .....

S: .....r.....o.....w.....

T: .....

O: .....forest.....

Y: .....

D: *hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh*.....*hahuh*.....

Q: .....

S: .....g.....r.....o.....

T: .....*Drink your tea-hee-hee-hee-hee!*.....

O: .....again.....

Y: .....was that it?.....

D: *hahuh, hahuh*.....I could bark.....*hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh*.....

Q: .....d.....

S: .....w.....g.....r.....

T: .....

O: .....in every direction,.....forest.....

Y: ....quiet.....

D: *hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, h* .....

Q: .....

S: .....o.....w.....g.....

T: .....

O: .....and over there.....the Hudson.....beyond it.....

Y: .....quiet.....

D: .....would I be blamed?.....

Q: .....

S: .....r.....o.....w.....

T: .....*Drink your tea-hee-hee!*.....

O: .....(towhee).....dam dog!.....

Y: .....this is oh, the dog!.....

D: .....I can't stand it!.....*woof!*.....

Q: .....u.....

S: .....g.....r.....o.....

T: .....mine!.....

O: .....I hope.....she won't feel.....

Y: .....*scared me*.....*I hope he won't*.....

D: that's better.....*hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh*.....

Q: .....

S: .....w.....g.....r

T: .....mine!.....

O: Catskills over there!.....dam dog!.....

Y: .....feel.....

D: *hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh.....hahuh.....hahuh*.....

Q: .....

S: .....o. .....w.....g.....

T: *Drink your tea-hee-hee-hee-hee!*.....

O: .....feel.....like talking.....

Y: .....that he has.....to talk to me.....

D: *hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh, hahuh*.....

Q: .....re.....

S: .....r.....o.....w.....

— David P. McAllester

ANSWERS TO PUZZLE

E	B	R	O			I	R	E	S		B	A	L	E
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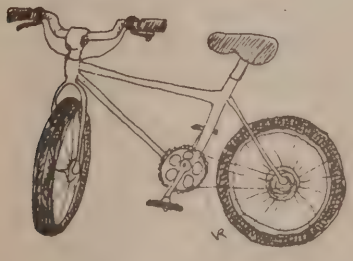
Answer to *Enigma:* **WINDY**



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She was born in Canaan, Connecticut on February 25, 1923, daughter of the late Frederick L. Preston, Sr. and Helen F. Parmalee Preston. She moved with her family to Otis when she was a child and graduated from Lee High School. She then attended the former North Adams State Teachers College.

Mrs. Griffith retired as a dietary supervisor at Fairview Hospital in 1973. She was a former member of Cincinnatus Chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

Her first husband, Paul B. Lopez, died August 28, 1959.

She leaves her husband, William A. Griffith, whom she married on November 23, 1973; a daughter, Marylee Lopez of Ashley Falls; two sons, Paul Lopez of Baldwinsville and Fred L. Lopez of Wethersfield, Connecticut; a brother, Frederick Preston of Glastonbury, Connecticut; a half-sister, Mrs. Sally P. Macbeth of Schenectady, New York; two half-brothers, William R. Preston and David E. Preston, both of Sheffield, and four grandchildren.

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MONTEREY HISTORY
The Lake Garfield Dam

History tells that the first white man to settle in Monterey was named Brewer. He built a house for his family in the meadow where our present parsonage is located. Several hundred feet northeast of the house is a large pond, which was called Brewer Pond.

On July 4, 1881, there was a holiday gathering of the townspeople at Pine Grove Hall, when word came that President Garfield had been assassinated. The president had spent several summers in Tyringham and had come to fish in Brewer Pond many times. To honor his memory, the people voted unanimously to change the name of Brewer Pond to Lake Garfield.

It is likely that the first dam on the lake was built on the outlet to Brewer Pond in the early 1850s, with easements granted to the town by the Fargo, Dowd, Heath and Bidwell families.

The diary of Mary Steadman, who lived in the village house with three large pillars, includes the following entries: *Reservoir was raised in the fall of 1875...broke away on March 22, 1876, also on May 5. 1888, the reservoir was examined by the selectmen on behalf of the town. They decided that only six feet of water was safe. On April 20, 1891, the reservoir sprang a leak and we all went to W.S. Bidwell's and spent the night.*

The dam at Lake Garfield was constructed to impound the water for commercial use by a firm on the Housatonic River located at Derby, Connecticut. In July and August, when the water was low in the Housatonic River, the company would send word to open the gate and let out water. Then, the lake would recede and leave the shore with the cottages in a muddy mess.

About 1912, the summer residents staged a drive to collect the money to buy the water rights. The drive was successful, and in the summer of 1913, a dedication at the dam was held and a marble marker unveiled, with an inscription reading: *Water Rights purchased and given to the Town of Monterey by the summer and townspeople.*

In the early 1930s, there was another scare that the dam was likely to break, and the water level was ordered lowered. Dye was used in an attempt to find the leak, but with no success, and in 1934, a contract was let to drive sheet steel piling at the road edge, twenty feet below the level of the road. The work did not solve the problem. If anything, the leak was larger than before.

In 1947, following another scare, the lake was lowered, drill holes were bored ten feet in front of the old piling, and samples were taken to determine the consistency of the formation. Again, sheet piling was driven by a contractor from Williamstown, named David Dean. A core of blue clay was drawn from the outlet of Fargo Pond and filled between the two sets of piling, at a cost of $73,000. The dam was finished by Dean in 1949.

During the 1950s and '60s, many cottages were built on the shores of the lake. One, located on what is called the Narrows, was built by Gordon Burhans of Harley, New York. Almost every weekend in the summer of 1962, Burhans would find his boat on dry land. The water level had decreased, leaving boats out of the water, to dry out and leak. Each time, it would take a few days for the wood to swell back so the boat could be used. Burhans wrote to the selectmen, complaining about how fast the water was receding, and saying he thought there was a large leak in the spillway.

The selectmen replied that God was the one who made it rain, and the so-called leak at the spillway was a boiling spring and had been there for many years.

Not satisfied with this reply, Burhans complained to the Berkshire County engineers. He was told that in past years, many pounds of dye had been used to locate the so-called leak, but with no success, and the engineers had concluded that it was a boiling spring.

Still unconvinced, Burhans took up the problem with the geological service, finding that with the amount of rain and sunshine, the evaporation would be less than four inches per foot of lowering of the lake. In other words, there would be four inches in evaporation, compared with eight inches by a leak. Also the temperature was taken of water in the lake and compared with the temperature of the "leak" water. They were the same. But at a spring house and an artesian well on the lake, the water temperature was almost three degrees colder.

In the winter of 1968, the hills had a heavy covering of snow. When the spring rains came in April and the runoff started, the lake began to rise more rapidly than usual. Mr. Brown, coming to the village, stopped at the dam to check the leak or boiling spring. He was surprised to see sediment accumulated on the basin of the leak and colored water seeping through the foundation of the dam. The water in the spillway was rising quite rapidly as well.

Brown stopped and talked with several others,

and word got around quickly. Several men went to investigate. Ray Tryon, living on the bank of the Konkapot, was so alarmed that he moved much of his equipment to higher ground.

The gate keeper was notified, and he opened the gate to full capacity, but the lake kept rising. The county engineer was called in, and he was concerned enough to call in the United States Army Corps of Engineers. They recommended lowering the lake at once.

The next day, four large diesel driven pumps arrived and started pumping water from the lake into the brook across the road. (Their work necessitated a detour to and from Tyringham.) Our Monterey civil defense director, Carl Champigny, gave his assistance by erecting a shelter where the men who were hired to keep a 24-hour watch could stay. Heat, light and a telephone were installed in the shelter. All inhabitants along the Konkapot River were notified of what might take place.

The watch and the pumping lasted for several days, and disaster was averted. But the danger was apparent, and the county and state were asked for help to build a new dam.

In June 1970, the legislature appropriated $350,000 to construct a new dam and build a new road west of the old road. Robert Brown, a native of Monterey, doing work under the name of Robert Brown Associates, was given the job of testing ground and determining the best site for the new dam.

The selected site required taking land from several owners, at a total cost of $27,000, half paid by the town, and half by the state.

The contract for construction of the dam was awarded to Petricca Construction of Pittsfield. On April 4, 1972, they started cutting trees and brush. There was a state law against burning, so everything was carted away to land belonging to Harold Schwab on Beartown Mountain Road. When the dam was finished, the rubbish was covered and leveled, making a fine piece of land for building or growing crops.

Petricca moved about 40,000 yards of material from the basin of the lake to assure that there would be no decaying matter left in the small body of water. Some 10,000 cubic yards of material was drawn to make the fill. About 45,500 cubic yards of sand gravel was trucked in from a new gravel bank opened on River Road near the fish hatchery. All material was leveled and rooted by a compactor and rooter drawn by a tractor.

The new dam was constructed of earth taken from land of Julia Welch, which is where the emergency spillway is now located. The spillway itself is made of cement and an iron gate with a three-foot cement tube running under and at the bottom of the earth dam. The overflow at the spillway was built four inches higher than the spillway at the old dam, giving the two lakes a new elevation of 1286 feet. There are three seven-foot culverts connecting the two lakes and a three-foot cement tube so that Lake Garfield can be lowered if necessary.

We hope the new lake will be called Little Brewer.

— A. Wallace Tryon (1973)

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PERSONAL NOTES

Karl and **Shirley Quisenberry** of Bidwell Road recently journeyed to Barcelona, Spain for nine days, where Shirley was one of five official delegates from the United Nations Association of the United States to the 33rd plenary of the World Federation of United Nations held there. Representatives from 63 countries attended. The major work of the week-long meetings focused on preparation for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (the Earth Summit) to be held in Brazil in June of this year. While Shirley attended meetings, Karl experienced Barcelona by foot, subway, bus and boat. Preparations for the 1992 Summer Olympics were of course evident everywhere. Both Karl and Shirley enjoyed the interesting architecture, the wide variety of Catalonian food, the beautiful city and its culture, and the chance to interact with so many people of vastly different backgrounds.

Nancy Kalodner of Mount Hunger Road enjoyed ten days in Paris, where she spent time with son **Joel** during his mid-winter break. Joel, a student at Haverford College, is spending his junior year studying at Oxford University, Lady Margaret Hall College.

And we're happy to hear that **Gerry** and **Marge McMahon** also enjoyed a wonderful time in Paris in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

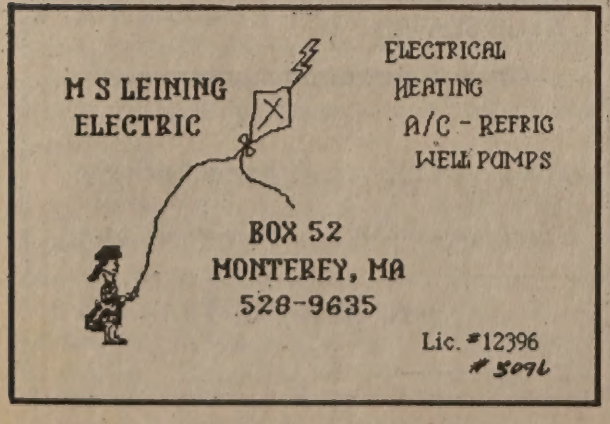
David and **Susan McAllester**'s three-week trip to Brazil with an Elder Hostel group was just great. A week in the Amazon jungle, one in the city of Salvador, and another in Rio de Janeiro, gave them three very different perspectives. Upon arrival home, Susan underwent surgery scheduled prior to their trip, and we're glad to hear she's recovering nicely.

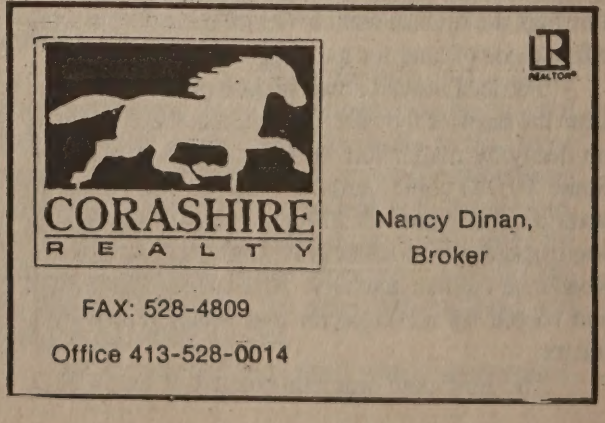
Our congratulations to these Monterey students named to the honor roll at Mt. Everett Regional School for the second quarter: in Grade 12, **Jill Amstead** made Honors; in Grade 11, **Christopher Burkhart** made High Honors and **Allison Delmolino** made Honors; in Grade 10, **Leah Bohn** made High Honors and **Gabe Small** and **Bruce Snow** made Honors; in Grade 9, **Erin Piretti** made High Honors; in Grade 8, **Vanessa Halley, Kevin Ohman** and **Jason Tanner** made Honors; and in Grade 7, **Shaylan Burkhart, Morgan Clawson** and **William Conklin** made High Honors and **Jared Thomson** and **Noah Wright** made Honors. It's great to see so many Monterey names on the honor rolls. Keep up the good work, all of you!

Very Happy Birthday wishes to **Arnold Garber** and **Jeremy Vallianos** on March 1, to **Janet Garber** on March 7, to **Anne Marie O'Connor** on March 8, to **Bob Gauthier** on March 10, to **Randy Gelbard** and **Bonner McAllester** on March 13, to **Barbara Shea** on March 14, to **Fred Carlisle** on March 15, to **Bill Thieriot** on March 19, to **Celia Gottlieb** on March 24, to **Alf Pedersen** and **Ellen Pedersen** on March 27, to **Carol Lewis** on March 30, and to **Barbara Gauthier** and **Rose Salsitz** on March 31. Also, Happy Anniversary to **Randy** and **Adrienne Gelbard** on March 13.

It's great to share your travels, birthdays, accomplishments, etc. with you. Any tidbits you'd like to share? Please jot them down and drop them in the mail to me, just Route 23, or give me a call at 528-4519. I appreciate your contributions!

— Stephanie Grotz





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Tuesday, March 17 — Free Blood Pressure clinic. 9:00-10:30 a.m., downstairs at the town hall.

Saturday, March 21 _ Town Republican caucus. 1:30 p.m. at the firehouse. All registered Republicans are urged to attend and participate in your town's government. The Town Republican Committee will hold a brief meeting *before* the caucus, at 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 28 — 8th annual MAPLE SUGAR MOON SQUARE AND CONTRA DANCE PARTY, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:00 p.m.-midnight. Joe Baker and Mountain Laurel, with guest caller Sarah Gregory Smith of Salem, Mass. Everyone is welcome. Special halftime entertainment for the whole family includes singing with Bill and Sarah Smith and a performance by Mable and Moon, Belles of the Berkshires. Homemade refreshments (baked goods, maple ice cream, coffee, tea, cider) included in the price of admission. Adults $7, children $3. Information: 528-9385.

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